

Northwest Tech students share personal stories

Editor's note: The following short articles were written as memos for a writing assignment for Leland Williams, technical writing instructor at Northwest Kansas Technical College. This is a continuing series of short articles split up by program at the college. These memos are from automotive repair and carpentry students.



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From: John Baehler

Northwest Kansas Technical College is a very good school, mainly because of the instructors. The education can get you ready for what you want to do, and they are a highly reputable college. There are two main reasons why I chose to come here rather than Hays.

Our instructor, Mr. Kennedy, is the main reason I came to Northwest Tech to further my education. His teaching methods are easy for me to understand, and he has a lot of patience when it comes to mistakes. The automotive part of the college seems very solid and both instructors have a lot of experience in the field we want to go into. Also, my general education instructors this year have been very helpful and are good at what they teach.

The technology at Northwest Tech is updated. The school has a lot of Apple technology like the iPad, which is what we do a lot of our school work on. Our shop also has up-to-date equipment to further ready us to go far in our field.

I will either continue my education here in collision repair or diesel tech, or I'll work for an employer until I have enough experience to open up my own shop.

From: Jacob Dipert

Northwest Tech was my school of choice for one reason and one reason only. Northwest Tech is the best tech college I found! I traveled to Laramie, Wyoming and took a tour of Wyotech and what I found didn't hold a candle to Northwest Tech. Everything at Wyotech was just happening too fast, and it was going to cost me about three times as much as Northwest Tech. Northwest Tech has awesome teachers who are highly qualified and take the time to teach you everything that you need to know before the move on to something else.

The students make an amazing difference for everyone on campus. Everyone here has a great eager-to-learn attitude that just makes the day go by like a breeze. If Northwest Tech didn't have the amazing students that it does, then we wouldn't have the awesome reputation at

Northwest Tech that we do.

The instructors at Northwest Tech are the most highly qualified, most devoted instructors in the industry. Mr. Kennedy as Auto Tech first year instructor is very highly qualified and has a very effective way of teaching everything you need to know. The second year Auto Tech instructor Mr. Goodwin is very much the same as Mr. Kennedy and has a lot of the same effective ways of teaching. Ms. Leland Williams and Mrs. Peggy Ohlrogge have a very different way of teaching but it is just as effective and teaches you everything you need to know in professional writing and the computer lab.

I plan to graduate with my associates degree and then move on to take one year in Diesel Tech to be certified in both the auto and diesel tech world so I will be almost guaranteed to get a great job anywhere in the world and be able to live a pretty good life for the rest of my days as a technician and a manager in the industry.

In conclusion, Northwest Tech is a great school of choice, and I would recommend Northwest Tech to anyone who wants to learn how to become a very good technician with a degree and be able to live a very good but hard working life.

From: Alex Castillo and Justin Coleman

We decided we were going to further our education and go into Automotive Technology because we have an interest in someday working for a big dealership or even having a shop. We picked Northwest Kansas Technical College for multiple reasons, a couple of those being that it is close to home, is very high tech, and is the first school to completely bring in iPads into the classes.

We do about an hour and a half a day in the classroom and the rest of the time we are in the shop. It is very hands on, which makes our education beneficial and easier because you're actually out doing projects and not just learning about them from the book. We have general education classes on Mondays and Wednesday, but it's two hours well



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spent because they are essential classes to graduate.

This college will set us up to be better employees because it gives us more responsibilities, and we are working in our shop like it is an actual shop setting and bringing in customer's vehicles. Our technical writing class sets us up so we know how to write to somebody or make a formal letter when we need to. Mr. Kennedy, our Automotive Instructor, acts more as a boss to us than an instructor. He has us keep looking formal such as wearing our shop shirts every day and giving us a set amount of hours we are allowed to miss every semester.

All in all, this college is worth going to for not just Automotive Technology but any other class they offer too. I would strongly recommend you look at the college and hopefully you will choose it and further your education.

From: Andrew Gettings and Alex Albin

We are continuing our education because, we have always wanted to be automotive technicians and heard this is a great school for it. At the end of our two year education, both of us plan on going for one more year to diesel technology. Up here at North West Kansas Technical College If you take automotive for two years, then after wards you can take diesel in one year.

So far during my college experience, I have met and worked with some really special people. Our first year instructor is Jim Kennedy, he is an awesome teacher and really easy to get along with. Mr. Kennedy helps you when you need help, and will push you to make sure you don't give up on a project. This school teaches you really well, and they

make it easy and fun to learn.

This college sets you up for a job in multiple ways after you have graduated. You earn an associate's degree while becoming certified for your trade. Having a degree will help you out a lot while searching for a job. In our general education classes they have already helped us make a resume, and it's not even the end of the first nine weeks yet.

This is only a couple of reasons why Northwest Tech is a fantastic college to become certified in something that you love.

From: Kyle Bremer and Daniel Noyes

Kyle Bremer and myself, Daniel Noyes, have both chosen this school because we had both heard good things about this school, things such as the school is close and cheaper than some of the other schools out there. The school has highly qualified instructor who care about our education and want us to succeed through more hands on training rather than total classroom work and lectures

We are both in the auto tech program and hope to succeed in the near future. We hope to get a higher education in this field and to learn all we can in this two-year program so that we can be the best technicians out there. Our instructor, Mr. Kennedy, is very patient with all of us when it comes to mistakes, and is easy to understand.

The iPads are also a great factor to what this school is all about. We are both glad to be here and will continue to learn all we can in the next two years.

From: Stephanie Doyle

I chose to continue my education at Northwest Tech because I am doing the senior option at the high school. I am getting a head start in college instead of waiting another year. After graduating from the automotive program, I am going to take collision repair. After college I expect to have my own shop and working on cars for people.

The auto tech at Northwest Tech is a good program because the instructor teaches you what to do as if you were in a dealership. This program also works on the citizens' cars, so that way you can learn the steps to finding what is wrong with the car and how to fix it.

I am very glad that I took the senior option because it is really fun and I have learned a lot. But if I ever had the chance to restart my senior year, I wouldn't have taken the senior option because I miss out on everything my senior year.

From: Dillon Hanson, Juan Miramontes and Osmani Mberwa

Hello, Goodland Kansas citizens! We are writing to explain why we have chosen to further our education and attend college at Northwest Tech. While we have attended college, we have met lots of different people many of which we would never expect to be in Goodland, Kansas. We are all from different places from California to Africa to Mexico.

We all attend Northwest Tech for the carpentry program five days a week from seven to three-thirty. The reasons we attended were for soc-

cer scholarships, golf scholarships, and because it is close to home. We chose carpentry because it's where the real men work, and we are real men! We also all share the same dream of one day building our own house with our own two hands.

We believe that furthering our education early gives us a better start at life and living on our own. We want to take our education farther and learn as much as we can. After we receive our degrees, one of us plans on moving to California and starting a business, another of us wants to join a construction work crew and continue his carpentry and building education, and another of us wants to go out and get more experience and one day be a carpentry instructor at one of the best colleges around the country. Some day, when we are old, we want to come back together and make a building that helps the community in Goodland.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you all for taking the time to read our article in the *Goodland Star-News*; we read that if you write your dreams down, they are more likely to come true. One day we will make our dreams come true.

From: Kaleb Fech and Duane Noakes

We chose to further our education at Northwest Tech for several reasons.

The first reason we chose Northwest Tech was to receive a degree and have a higher education. It's also a more reasonably priced school, and in today's economy, the cheaper the school, the better chance it is. Auto technology is one of the more reasonably priced programs at this college. Also, carpentry is a reasonably priced program among the many that are offered at Northwest Tech.

Also all the of the programs are hands on and well taught. They also have a high rate of success in students completing their programs and having high job placement. This college is also very well kept up and maintained.

We are both very satisfied in our programs and have every intention of walking proudly across the stage at graduation.

Reader Recipes

Peanut Butter Cake

Ingredients

- 1 yellow cake mix
- 1 small box vanilla pudding mix
- 1 env. Dream Whip
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1 cup peanut butter

Combine cake mix, pudding, Dream Whip, eggs, water, oil and peanut butter in large bowl. At low speed, mix. Then beat at high speed for 4-5 minutes. Pour into a well-greased and floured 10 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 55-60 minutes or until done. Cool in pan 15 minutes. Frost with peanut butter frosting.

FROSTING:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 stick butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Place all in skillet. Then cook until well blended and sugar is melted. Don't cook too long. Remove from heat and beat 4 cups powdered sugar into pan. Frost cake.

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